

Time Line – History TCDN

- Opening - 9/12/72 Director Elizabeth Tolles welcomed children. Hot lunches provided daily to the center by the Village Restaurant. 29 children attended in the morning, 26 attended in the afternoon each day.
- 1973 - Martha Cox takes over as Director
- 1974 - Enrollment – 18 full time, 16 half time
- 1974 - Lunch was \$.90 per day for ages 2 ½ - 6, 1 -2 ½ age was \$.75. There was a 15% surcharge on tuition under the age of 2 ½.
- 1975 - Paula Wehmiller named Director of center. Kangaroo, Butterfly and Owl rooms are named (did have Toddlers, Rabbits and Weebles)
- 8/78 - Anne Kopple began as Director.
- 9/78 - First After School program offered for children in first through third grade.
- 2/79 - First report of lunches being prepared by center. 2 by center, 3 by restaurant.
- 1980 - Exploration noted of moving school age and kindergartners to elementary school location. Center still had to close annually for one week in November for the church's holiday fair.
- 1981 - Full enrollment – 36 children, 5 kindergarten, 9 in the school age group. Summer enrollment was 20.
- 1982 - Lunch being prepared at the center with a work-study student from Swarthmore College helping. Program committee charged with considering program for children 4th grade and older.
- 1983 - First outside afterschool program located at Rutgers Ave. School. 30 children in summer program, 15 full time, 4 part time children in After School program. First mention of infant program.
- 1984 - Swarthmore After School Club site opened at SRS. Morning Kindergarten program is added.
- 1985 - Anne Hansen hired as director. After School Club enrollment is 36. Planning begins for NPE and Wallingford After School Club. Nether Providence After School opened in Sept. included kindergartners. 50 children on waiting list for care.

- 1986 - Office moved upstairs (used to be in Squirrel room) First year of the Summer Club ran with 35 children, held at Tarble.
- 1987 - First Stuppy Fun Run
- 1988 - Accredited by NAEYC. 52 children registered for SASC, 22 in K program, 25 after school at NPASC, waiting lists at both sites. Summer Club held at SRS.
- 1989 - ABC House garage available for storage preschool, 47 summer club enrollees. Huge space pressure due to expanding numbers in the district and movement of Kindergarten to Rutgers Ave. school. NP has 16 Kindergarteners, 40 1-5 graders. Swarthmore 21 Kindergarteners, afternoon enrollment between 40 and 50.
- 1990 - OASC site for 4th and 5th graders at SUMC with 21 – 28 per day attending. Summer Club averages 55 – 60 per week. Themes were created for each week. Citrus sale begins.
- 1991 - Before School Club begins at SRS Gym, reaccreditation is a success. Reduced enrollments at all after school clubs due to bad economy.
- 1992 - 20th anniversary celebration. Kindergarten programs consolidated to Swarthmore site. 102 total enrollment for summer club – 10 week program due to late school opening.
- 1993 - Summer Club held at Swarthmore Community Center
- 1994 - Renovation of former workshop building at SRS into Swarthmore After School Club site. Opened in June for Summer Club. 6th graders added at OASC
- 1995 - Infant Toddler Center opens.
- 1996 - Swarthmore Child Advocates Group forms. First year theme baskets offered for raffle at the Stuppy Fun Run. Reaccreditation.
- 1997 - Summer Club averages 63 – 77
- 1998 - WASC opens, NP closes
- 1999 - Reaccreditation. Preschool playground updated with climbing toys.
- 2000 - Anne Hansen retires: Barbara Quantance named as Executive Director. A refurbished NPASC opens.

- 2002 - TCDN celebrates 30 years!
- 2003 - OASC moves to Swarthmore Community Center.
- 2005 - Barbara Quaintance resigns.
- 2006 - Pam Schaefer named as Executive Director.
- 2007 - Infant Toddler Center location closed. Toddlers join the preschool. TCDN hires first full time Development Coordinator and first Director of Programs. TCDN enters PA Keystone STARS system of quality improvement. PS, SASC, WASC, NPASC, OASC all at Keystone STAR level 1.
- 2008 - Director of Programs resigns. PS advances to Keystone STAR Level 2.
- 2009 - Pam Schaefer resigns. Director of Programs position eliminated. Cindy Murray named as Interim Director. SASC and WASC receive NAA Accreditation.
- 2010 - Cindy Murray appointed Director. NPASC advances to Keystone STARS 2. SASC and WASC advance to Keystone STAR 4A.